

Staff Presentation on Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan



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Presentation Overview

- Purpose of Environmental and Social Justice Initiative
- Contents of Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan
- Goals of Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan
- Development Process





Purpose of ESJ Initiative

- Advance vision for equity in CPUC programs and policies
- Identify actions the CPUC can take to better engage with and serve ESJ communities
- Develop and maintain a living document that identifies CPUC actions that support ESJ communities and evolves as the CPUC better understands the needs of these communities





Contents of ESJ Action Plan

- Description of CPUC's role in promoting equity in ESJ communities
- Definition of ESJ communities
- Goals for integrating environmental and social justice into CPUC work
- Objectives that detail what is needed to meet each goal
- Actions the CPUC and others are taking or will take to meet the goals



Goals

- 1. Integrate equity and access considerations throughout CPUC proceedings
- 2. Increase investment in clean energy resources to benefit ESJ communities
- 3. Strive to improve access to high-quality water, communications, and transportation services for ESJ communities
- 4. Increase climate resiliency of ESJ communities





Goals (cont.)

- 5. Enhance outreach and public participation opportunities for ESJ communities
- 6. Enhance enforcement to ensure safety and consumer protection for ESJ communities
- 7. Promote economic and workforce development opportunities in ESJ communities
- 8. Improve CPUC training and staff development related to equity issues
- 9. Monitor progress on CPUC's ESJ efforts





Process of Action Plan Development

- Lead Commissioner offices drafted with Energy Division support
- Commissioners provided feedback on Action Plan vision
- Received input from CPUC Communications, Energy, News and Outreach, Consumer Protection and Enforcement, Water, and Administrative Law Judge divisions
- Public feedback on early draft beginning Aug. 2018
 - Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group
 - November 2018 public webinar
 - Written comments received





Draft Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan available at:

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